



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 6

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 7) – The Polar Bear Protection Amendment Act (International Polar Bear Conservation Centre)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des ours polaires (Centre international de conservation des ours polaires)

(Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE)

(No. 202) – The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'examen public des activités des corporations de la Couronne et l'obligation redditionnelle de celles-ci

(Mrs. TAILLIEU)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (P. Thompson, N. Kristalovich, L. Haskins and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (G. Lusansky, N. Elias, A. Friesen and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (C. Hourie, G. Wiebe, W. Miller and others)

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Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (M. Pear, G. Kaspick, C. Stinson and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider dredging the Rapid City reservoir as soon as possible and to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider replacing the Rapid City catwalk structure as soon as possible. (J. Greer, D. Andrew, T. Bird and others)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Text Book Bureau for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.
(Sessional Paper No. 7)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned that Honourable Members should be referred to by their constituency or their portfolio.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. MAGUIRE, JENNISSON, DYCK, WHITEHEAD and BRIESE made Members' Statements.

The Government House Leader announced that if it should come to pass that the Throne Speech debate is concluded by next Monday, the Private Members' Resolution on the Federal Cap on Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program will be considered next Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. JENNISSON:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Fifth Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MCFADYEN as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets:

- a) That the Government's Throne Speech failed to acknowledge that after 11 years, violent crime is rising, waste is rampant and past health care promises have been broken; and

- b) That the Speech did not provide a credible plan to reduce violent crime, reduce waste and improve health care; and
- c) That the Speech endorses large, ongoing deficits and rising debt, which will result in higher taxes for Manitoba families; and
- d) That the Speech failed to acknowledge the Government's misguided plan to raise taxes on Manitoba families starting after October 2011; and
- e) That the Speech failed to take immediate steps to improve Manitoba's competitive position by seeking entry into the New West Partnership; and
- f) That the Speech failed to protect Manitoba seniors and families from hydro rate increases caused by the Premier's interference in Manitoba Hydro; and
- g) That the Speech fails to acknowledge that for 11 years the Government has wasted money on bloated healthcare bureaucracy and boardrooms at the expense of front line care; and
- h) That the Speech fails to acknowledge that the shortage of personal care home beds in Manitoba is a direct result of the Government's failure to plan for the needs of our seniors; and
- i) That the Speech fails to recognize that far too many of our First Nations and Métis people remain on the outside of the economic life of our province or to offer a plan to address this significant failure; and
- j) That the Speech fails to assure parents that their children are learning the skills they need to succeed in today's work force; and
- k) That the Speech continues the Government's divisive policies of neglecting or penalizing Manitoba's farm families and rural communities; and
- l) That the Speech fails to acknowledge the chaos in Manitoba's child welfare system caused by its policies, or to apologize for the tragic abuse and loss of life caused by this Government's political interference in the child welfare system; and
- m) That the Speech fails to deal with the problem of increased drunk driving, or to acknowledge that this reckless behaviour has caused heartache for far too many families; and
- n) That the Speech fails to deal with addictions treatment, or to acknowledge that drug abuse and addiction are contributing to much of the crime that plagues our province, now known as the violent crime capital of Canada; and
- o) That while the Speech contains many good ideas offered by Members of the Opposition, it fails to convince this House that they will actually be implemented; and

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- p) That the Speech fails to acknowledge the Government's 11 year track record of failure to keep other promises, like ending hallway medicine, causing this House to realize that the promises contained in the Speech are unlikely to be kept; and
- q) That the current Government has failed in its promises to Manitobans, and as a result it is now clearer than ever that it will require a new government to deliver positive results on crime reduction, fiscal responsibility, job creation, tax relief, protection from rate hikes, access to family physicians, support for farm families, the cleanup of Lake Winnipeg, better sports facilities and infrastructure, stability within Child and Family Services and other goals that are supported by all Manitobans.

And as a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Ms. SELBY, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. BRICK and Mr. EICHLER having spoken.

And Hon. Ms. ALLAN speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.